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Possible Taser death investigated

RCMP The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) is investigating after a Brooks man died after an RCMP officer used a Taser to apprehend him.

ASIRT said in a release, officers were called to a cul-de-sac around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and said a "male was approaching residents and asking for help and attempted to forcibly enter one home."

That is when police were called and a struggle ensued with two officers and the suspect. ASIRT says at this time it is unclear whether or not the Taser was successfully deployed.

After Grant William Prentice arrived in Brooks hospital, he died around 8:30 p.m. An autopsy is set for Friday in Calgary.

Brooks is 180 kilometres southeast of Calgary.

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Leanne Dumais with daughter Samantha, 7, sit in what's left of their kitchen after her landlord allegedly gutted the appliances, wiring and fuses of the place while she was at work. Dumais says the landlord first stated it was only for inspection purposes, but that she soon found out the house she was renting will be foreclosed in days and she said she can't get her damage deposit back.

Emptied out home

Single mom says landlord gutted house she was renting

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"I have seen this before where the owner has taken the cupboards or counter tops or appliances, before the home is foreclosed."

Jamal Al-Ghabari, real-estate agent

The kitchen sink, the cupboards, the appliances — all gone.

After returning home from a long day at work on Monday, the last thing 28-year-old single mother Leanne Dumais expected was to have her kitchen gutted.

Dumais says her landlord told her city inspectors were coming in and everything would be back by Tuesday, but that wasn't the case.

"Not only was my kitchen still missing, he took out half the backyard too, the fence, the porch," she said.

"He basically took everything in the house worth anything that belonged to him."

That's when Dumais called him incessantly and when he finally answered, she said he told her the home was being foreclosed and he hasn't answered her calls since.

"So now I have 30 days to get out, and even if I stay that long, I don't have a kitchen," she said. She alleges he also took her May rent and \$1,000 damage de-

posit.

Dumais is a single mom of a seven-year-old daughter and both are now forced to put their belongings in storage and stay at her father's because she can't afford to move now.

Apparently homes being gutted before foreclosure is a practice that isn't entirely uncommon, according to a city realtor.

Calgary real-estate agent Jamal Al-Ghabari said when homes are foreclosed they are sold as is and buyers are

warned certain things might be missing.

"I have seen this before where the owner has taken the cupboards or counter tops or appliances, before the home is foreclosed," he said.

"Even landlords — sometimes they do it, too."

But Al-Ghabari said tenants could get their money back through the court system and hopes police are alerted to these business practices. And while economic forces have increased the number of city foreclosures, Al-Ghabari said he hasn't heard of an increase in this type of incident.

Repeated calls to the landlord went unanswered.

Guilty verdict in crash trial

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CONVICTION Two families of five people killed in a tragic crash stood together as one Thursday after a manslaughter conviction was handed down to the cement truck driver who struck the small car the victims occupied in December 2007.

Outside the courtroom, the families of Chris Gautreau, 41, Melaina Hovdebo, Alexia Gautreau, 9, and Kierra Gautreau, 6, and Zachary Morrison, 16 months, were relieved Daniel Tschetter was convicted on five counts of manslaughter and one count of obstruction of justice.

"We've been here as a family, gone through this tragedy as a family and now we will heal together as a family," Herb Grieder said on behalf of the families. Grieder's nephew was killed in the crash.

"I would say this is the closing of the book for the tragedy, and the opening of the book for the healing of the tragedy," he added.

Tschetter was emotionless as the verdict was read, but his daughter cried out as she heard the manslaughter counts.

He remains out on bail until the Aug. 5 sentencing.

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News in brief

FRAUD Police released an Alberta-wide warrant for the arrest of Denise Elizabeth Whalen on 15 counts of fraud under \$5,000. Victims responded to an Internet home rental advertisement. After depositing cash, victims discovered the houses were not for rent, nor was Whalen authorized to rent them, said police. Whalen is described as being five-foot-three, around 180 pounds with brown hair and eyes, and wearing glasses.

BREAK-IN A black male suspect climbed up to a balcony of an apartment complex located in the 1000 block of 16 Avenue SW Wednesday, and entered an apartment through a patio door, said police. The residents were awakened and able to scare the suspect away.

FIRE BAN Despite recent rain, fire bans remain in effect in the mid-Eastern section of Alberta says a representative for Alberta Fire Bans. The use of all wood, briquette, propane, and natural gas fires is prohibited, the group said.

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Monday's Metro

Take Five

Introducing Metro's new horoscope columnist Sally Brompton.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

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Find your style at market

74 clothing, art vendors coming to town this weekend

SIOBHAN O'BEIRNE
for Metro Calgary

For an original, artistic fashion shopping experience there is only one place to go.

Portobello West Market visits Calgary for the third time this weekend just in time for Mother's Day.

Starting Friday, 4 p.m., fashionistas can walk through the doors of the Big Four Building at Stampede Park into the world of

accessories, clothing and art. Seventy-four vendors coming from across Canada will be showing off their talents.

Although this trip may cost more than heading to Chinook Centre, "The purchases have more meaning," says market director Charlie Smith. "You're going to keep them for a long time."

According to Smith the variety of slogans seen for the market, "My style is bold" or "My style is sus-



Unearth fashionable finds at the Portobello West Market this weekend.

tainable," represent the variety of fashion statements at the market.

"It's really just to show that no matter what taste

you have you will be able to find something at the market that really fits with you," she said.

The majority of the vendors can only be found at the market. However, designers such as Shisomiso Influx Jewellery, and fiveleft can also be found in boutiques in Calgary.

Gifts are being handed out to the first 25 customers through the door each day and on Sunday all mothers will receive a similar goodie bag.

Plan It Calgary gets a younger perspective

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

The fifth graders of North Haven elementary school will have a new classroom for the next week, and this one will be located in city hall.

Plan It Calgary started to teach the students at the city hall classroom Thursday, on how their individual voice and ideas can help improve the city.

"I think the impact of this program will be huge," said Dick Ebersohn the students' teacher for the next week.

"The feedback we received from the students even before I started my presentation was that they see a different future for themselves."

"We are really excited to come here today," said student Jillian Hogan, and before she could finish her sentence classmate Taylor Dowling chimed in with "Yeah, really, really excited."



Dick Ebersohn of the Plan It Calgary project team talks with Curtis Marshall, 9, left, and Saad Durani, 10, from North Haven Elementary School.

"They're teaching us what's going to happen (to Calgary) in the next 60 years," said Jillian.

Even though the class

just started the students already had ideas on how to make Calgary a better place going into the future.

"I think we should have

electrical cars instead of gas cars," said Jillian, while Taylor suggested, "I think we need more pathways so people can walk more."

Province to aid forestry, but less than was advised

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Alberta's government will support the province's troubled forestry sector, but it won't spend as much as what was recommended by the industry.

The province has agreed to follow up on 43 recommendations that were made last August by a committee made up of MLAs and forest industry leaders that it says will help the struggling sector become more competitive and environmentally sustainable.

But Sustainable Resource Minister Ted Morton said the other six recommendations couldn't be approved because some infringe on Canada's softwood lumber agreement with the United States while others were too expensive for Alberta's government.

"This government is running a significant debt this year and the kind of funds that were perceived to be available last July and August are not there today," said Morton.

"It's not that we reject it, but the response has been deferred."

The recommendations were made after an eight-month study on the competitiveness of the industry.



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Filling stations get fewer, survey shows

The number of filling stations in Canada shrank again last year, a sign that gasoline retailers are turning slim profits even as the Canadian population grows, according to a survey released Thursday. **REUTERS**

Canada



Microsoft to buy game maker

Microsoft Corp. (chairman Bill Gates, left) said Thursday it will buy Vancouver computer game designer BigPark Inc. for an undisclosed amount, as it pushes its strategy of producing exclusive games for its Xbox entertainment system. Microsoft has already been working with BigPark over the past year on a game for the Xbox, but has so far announced no details. More information is expected at the video game industry's annual E3 Expo in June. **REUTERS**

Sask., Montana team on carbon

CARBON As Saskatchewan and Montana launch a \$270-million carbon-capture project, there are spin-off benefits for the Canadian economy.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer announced plans for carbon dioxide storage facilities and a pipeline between their jurisdictions.

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News in brief

SEAL HUNT MPs agreed to a motion Wednesday that the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver should be used to promote products from the annual seal hunt, including the possibility that Canada's uniform include at least one seal product.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

U.S. help allows for aid: PM

Harper makes brief surprise appearance in Afghanistan

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says thousands of new U.S. troops in Afghanistan will allow Canada to refocus its efforts in the country on humanitarian projects and on training the Afghan army and police force as it prepares for pullout in 2011.

In a surprise brief appearance in Afghanistan, his third since becoming prime minister, Harper's visit was part pep rally and reminder that changes are coming to Afghanistan.

"The mission is changing in several different ways," Harper told reporters, referring to the emphasis on making the Afghan forces responsible for their own security and better-defined



Prime Minister Stephen Harper sits in the cockpit of a C-17 aircraft while flying en route to Afghanistan yesterday. Harper says Canada will shift its focus in that country to training police and military personnel as it prepares for its 2011 pullout.

civilian objectives.

After landing at the Kandahar airfield, the largest NATO base in the world,

Harper immediately flew by military helicopter to see progress on Canada's signature project, the \$50-

million refurbishment of the Dahla dam and irrigation system near Kandahar. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Buzz over bee crisis unfounded, study says

BEE POPULATION A frightening buzz over the imminent demise of honeybees — and the disappearance of their critical pollinating prowess — is unfounded, according to a new Canadian-led study that shows their global numbers actually growing.

High-profile stories over the past three years detailing the mysterious decimation of thousands of bee colonies have led to fears the human food supply was being imperilled by a "pollination crisis," says the study, which appears in the journal *Current Biology*.

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Climate change could affect shrimp stocks: Experts

A \$500-million North Atlantic shrimp fishery may be vulnerable to climate change that could disrupt the shrimp's life cycle and mislead them into hatching, scientists said Thursday. **REUTERS**

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World

Pakistan eyes Taliban

Army told to 'eliminate' militants in Swat valley

Pakistan's government ordered the army to eliminate militants on Thursday, setting the stage for a major offensive against Taliban fighters battling security forces in a northwestern valley.

The government's handling of the Swat valley has become a test of its resolve to fight a growing Taliban insurgency that has alarmed the United States.

President Asif Ali Zardari assured U.S. President Barack Obama on Wednesday of Islamabad's commitment to defeating al-Qaida

U.S. builds new military camp

A huge U.S. military camp is taking shape in southern Afghanistan for thousands of extra U.S. troops charged with

defeating a resurgent Taliban. Camp Leatherneck will host more than 8,000 Marines now flowing into the region.

and its allies.

Security forces used jets and helicopters to pound Taliban positions in Swat, as thousands of civilians took advantage of a break in a curfew to flee.

With hundreds of thousands of people already displaced, aid groups said the new exodus of tens of

thousands was intensifying a humanitarian crisis.

"In order to restore honour and dignity of our homeland and to protect the people, the armed forces have been called in to eliminate the militants and terrorists," said Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani.

REUTERS

News in brief

SPACE Long-haul trips could be made in spaceships instead of planes in 20 years' time if the efforts of Richard Branson's Virgin Group to commercialize space travel succeed, the president of Virgin Galactic said Thursday. The company hopes to start offering \$300,000 trips to space in two years.

DEMOCRATS A former Democratic party fundraiser, whose arrest in 2007 prompted Hillary Clinton to return \$850,000 US in campaign contributions, pleaded guilty Thursday to fraud charges. Norman Hsu, who was sentenced to three years in prison by a California state judge in January 2008, pleaded guilty to charges of mail fraud and wire fraud in running a Ponzi scheme of up to \$60 million.

REUTERS

Japan Bot for teacher



A humanoid robot named Saya is touched by students during a teaching demonstration at an elementary school in Tokyo. The robot, developed by a Tokyo University of Science professor, can speak different languages and make facial expressions.

ISSEI KATO / REUTERS

1,300 acres destroyed by fierce California blaze

SANTA BARBARA A wildfire that has destroyed dozens of multimillion-dollar homes and injured 10 firefighters burned through the central California foothills near Santa Barbara for a third day Thursday.

Already, 13,500 people

have fled their homes in the hillsides surrounding seaside Santa Barbara as 1,400 firefighters fought the fire, which was being investigated as an arson.

By mid-afternoon, the so-called Jesusita fire had charred an estimated 1,300

acres, and crews contending with nearly 37 C weather made little headway in containing the flames. Authorities were concerned that the flames were edging toward the more populated downtown area.

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Flu Outbreak: Reports say Canadian with flu dies

• Reports emerged Thursday night that an elderly Albertan woman who had influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, had died. It was not yet clear whether she had any other health conditions.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

• The U.S., Canada and Mexico vowed Thursday

to contest bans on their pork products in the wake of the flu. Around 20 countries, including Russia and China, have imposed import restrictions on North American pork.

• The virus is not yet spreading in a sustained way outside North Ameri-

ca, so the global pandemic level remains at five out of six, a senior WHO official said on Thursday. • Mexico confirmed two more deaths Thursday, pushing the country's toll to 44. Millions of students returned to classes as the country got back on its feet.

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Cashing in on Cuba's opportunities

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Charles Davies



To visit Cuba is literally to experience time travel. Outside the self-contained and sanitized resorts from which few Canadians venture, Cuba is stranded in the 1950s — a vista of decaying towns and cities, large stretches of

unused countryside, hammerhead oil wells, clutches of workers at bus stops, crumbling highways, and innumerable classic cars, many belching apocalyptic clouds of exhaust. The only advertisements are revolutionary slogans painted on walls. And everywhere there's a constant police presence, a none-too-subtle reminder that Cuba remains a repressive state.

If the country has barely progressed since Fidel Castro took over on Jan. 1, 1959, the recent past has hardly been kinder. Thanks to the global recession, ex-

ternal financing for the island has dried up, falling commodity prices have cut into export revenues for key items like nickel, food imports are becoming more costly, and tourism — now a roughly \$3-billion-a-year industry — is slowing down.

All this will change, and not just because economic growth will resume. Fidel Castro, 82, and his younger, more pragmatic brother Raul, 77 (who took on the Cuban presidency in 2006 due to Fidel's illness) are literally on their last legs. Equally, U.S. President

Barack Obama's conciliatory gestures towards the island — backed by more positive U.S. public opinion about the country — signal that the U.S. embargo that has stifled Cuba's economy for decades may finally be coming to an end. When you ask Cubans about the future, they speak without hesitation of a freer, more entrepreneurial country.

For Canadian companies, Cuba is an enormous business opportunity in the making. Aside from the further potential for tourism development, Cuba literally needs every-

thing — foodstuffs, consumer goods, equipment of every description, and all kinds of infrastructure.

And if U.S. estimates are correct, there's something like five billion barrels of oil and 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas waiting for exploitation offshore.

But aside from Sherritt International's well-developed nickel mining, oil and gas and electricity operations, corporate Canada seems largely absent. An estimated 85 Canadian firms operate there, but aside from the likes of Sherritt and Labatt Breweries

(actually owned by Belgium's InBev S.A.) the rest are mid-sized and smaller companies.

The Harper government's coolness toward Cuba in recent years hasn't helped either. By contrast, sizable U.S. and European companies are already jockeying for position once the door opens on the new Cuba. It's an opportunity that Canada cannot afford to miss.

Veteran financial writer Charles Davies recently spent time in Havana and northern Cuba, visiting sites once frequented by Ernest Hemingway.

Views

Is recycling good for the planet, or for our egos?

UrbanCompass

Janice Paskey



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The milk cartons I send with my kid's lunches are a no-no these days. Ditto the plastic sandwich bags. There's a "zero garbage" lunch movement at their school.

Social pressure is on. It will take this type of garbage shame to meet the ambitious target set out by the City of Calgary.

Instead of 80 per cent household waste to the landfill, the city wants on-

ly 20 per cent. The new blue cart program being rolled out this spring to 300,000 homes is part of that movement. It costs homeowners \$8 per month.

There is a certain euphoria to recycling. Calgary finally has door-to-door recycling. We can talk with our friends in Vancouver without shame. And our program now includes plastics. Sixty-six trucks take paper, metal, glass and plastics to Metro Waste Paper Recovery Inc., where our stuff is sorted and then shipped to market. Apparently, our loads are nice and clean. We are recycling the right stuff, cleaning out the milk jugs, flattening the cardboard.

But our control is limited. The worldwide market for recyclables is volatile, just like the financial markets. And it's down. The city says how much it gets from the sale of recyclables is confidential. But we know that prices for cardboard, for instance, plummeted 60 to 70 per cent. Plastics are being stockpiled in some areas.

Yet, if we are to support this \$24-million program, we need to understand the risk management model. Other cities are millions of dollars in the hole as recycling prices fall.

Calgarians deserve a recycling financial spreadsheet on the website, and a lifecycle run down on our goods.

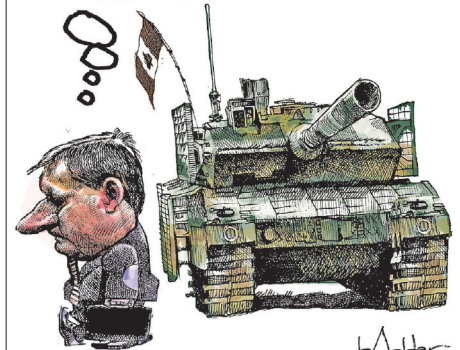
We can't feel as pure as the driven snow about recycling. Much of our stuff will be shipped out of province or overseas. Then, shipped back to us as goods. Trucking, extracting, smashing, shipping — it all has an environmental cost.

I'd like proof recycling is better for the planet; are we offloading our landfill issues and creating problems to air and oceans elsewhere? Is legislating biodegradable packaging the better way to go?

Recycling might reduce waste shame, it shouldn't stop waste questions.

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\$400M renovation being mulled for Olympic Stadium

About \$400 million could be spent to renovate Montreal's Olympic Stadium, just 2½ years after Quebec finally paid off its \$1.5-billion debt from the 1976 Games. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Warner posts loss

Music company hit by plummeting CD sales

Warner Music Group on Thursday posted a wider quarter loss as recorded music sales fell faster than expected, sending its shares down 15 per cent.

The world's third-largest music company posted a net loss of \$68 million US, or 45 cents a share in its fiscal second quarter ended March 31, compared with a year-earlier loss of \$37 million, or 25 cents a share.

The company booked \$33 million in charges for items such as the declining value of investments in

Digital sales

- Warner Music said its digital music sales rose six per cent from the prior year to \$173 million US, or 26 per cent of total revenue in quarter.

digital music startup companies Lala and Imeem.

As a result of the write-offs, chief executive Edgar Bronfman told analysts on a conference call that he does not intend to make more venture capital in-

vestments in digital music startups.

Revenue fell 17 per cent to \$668 million, compared with the average Wall Street forecast of \$730.2 million.

Like other music companies, Warner is struggling with shrinking sales of recorded music as fewer fans buy albums in physical CD format.

Warner also blamed the weak results on a light record-release schedule and the turbulent global economy.

REUTERS

Business in brief

WIRELESS BCE Inc. and Telus Corp. warned Thursday that the recession is battering their key wireless businesses as consumers keep a tight rein on

spending and use their mobile phones less.

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them, reported a narrower quarterly loss of \$2.64 million US on Thursday and said the company will likely return to profitability in 2009. **REUTERS**

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Manny suspended for 50 games
Los Angeles Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez has been suspended 50 games for testing positive under Major League Baseball's drug policy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Russell

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In case you haven't heard, there's a billionaire trying to buy an NHL franchise and move it to Southern Ontario.

Toronto hockey fans are in a tizzy.

And while it's awesome to see the affection folks in the metropolis have for our icebound obsession, there is so much out there that screams for our attention.

It's true hockey has come to embody much of the Canadian identity, but this fascination with what is essentially a business deal has overshadowed what great sport is really all about.

I'm talking about the wizardry of **Sidney Crosby** and **Alex Ovechkin** on Stanley Cup playoff ice. The Blue Jays are making a little magic deep into May and are still in first place. And professional soccer is finally taking root in this country reflecting a complex, multicultural reality. Beyond all this, the playing fields are alive across the land. Young people are back in the water and on the tracks to someday soon fly Canadian colours on the international stage.

Don't get me wrong, I love hockey and think a seventh NHL franchise in this country would be sweet justice. But I'm not going to dwell on it.

Heck, Canada's going to host the Olympics in nine months!

I applaud **Jim Balsillie's** quest to plant another team in Canadian soil and redefine the NHL's future. But, in a sporting nation like ours, it's also good to know that the field of play goes well beyond the boards, or indeed boardrooms, of professional hockey.

Gemini Award winner and author
Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports
Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

Blackhawks even series

NHL RESULTS

Vancouver 1 Chicago 2 (OT)



Martin Havlat tallied the equalizer with 2:44 left in regulation and **Andrew Ladd** scored 2:52 into overtime to give Chicago a 2-1 win over Vancouver in Game 4 of the teams' Western Conference semi-final series.

With the victory, Chicago evened the matchup at 2-2, with Game 5 set for Saturday in Vancouver.

In a frantic overtime period, Chicago's **Dave Bolland** collected the loose



Vancouver's **Mason Raymond** gets tangled up with Chicago's **Matt Walker**.

puck along the right boards, wound up and sent a slapshot on net that Ladd tipped in to end the game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

For a recap of the
Detroit/Anaheim
game, visit:
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Burris works to better kids' lives

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary



CFL Football players know that calling a timeout can change the course of a game.

Calgary Stampeders quarterback **Henry Burris** is also convinced that making time for kids can change the course of their lives.

That's why Burris has his heart in this weekend's fourth annual **Henry Burris All-Star Weekend** in support of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary and area. For the first time the weekend includes a football camp at McMahon Stadium for players 8-18. Participants will learn techniques from CFL stars including Burris, **Jesse Lumsden** and **Damon Allen**. All 300 spots have been filled.

Burris is determined to make a difference in the

lives of young people, just as football stars did for him nearly two decades ago when the native of Spiro, Okla., attended Dallas Cowboy youth camps in Texas. "When I was growing up I always looked up to (Cowboys stars) **Emmitt Smith** and **Troy Aikman**," recalls Burris.

"My dad was also my biggest influence. Both my dad and sports played a helping hand in keeping me off the streets. Now's a time for me to give back and be some kind of a mentor for young kids ... As athletes sometimes we have as much influence on kids as some parents."

The goal for the weekend is to raise more than \$100,000 for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary and area. For more information call 403-777-3535 or visit the website at www.bbbscalgary.com



Henry Burris

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

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Detroit at Anaheim

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Pittsburgh at Washington

Chicago at Vancouver

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Carolina at Boston

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland 105 Atlanta 85

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Orlando at Boston

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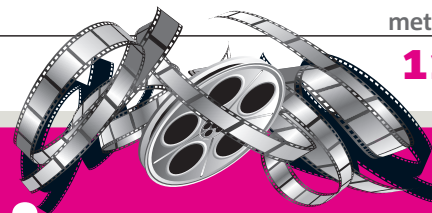
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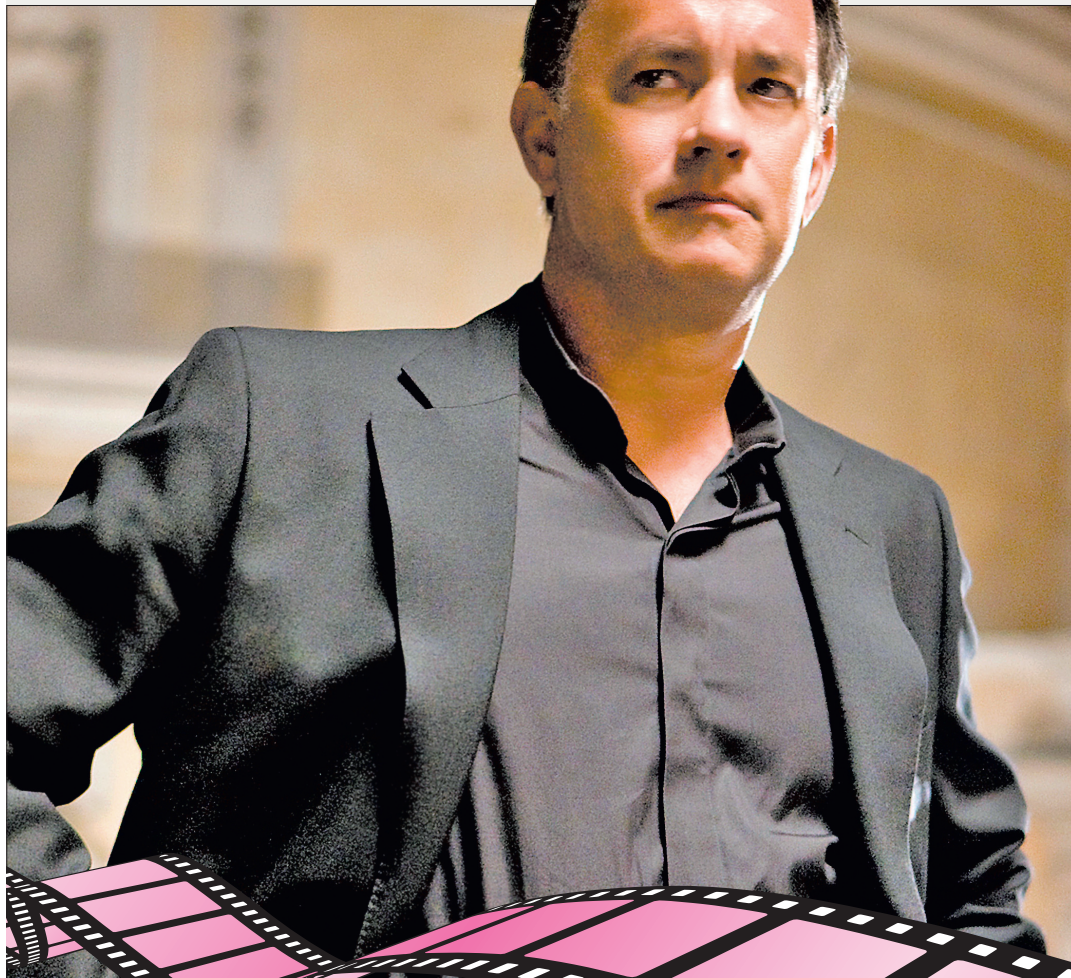
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Demons 'a different beast'

Director Howard dishes on follow-up to record-breaking Da Vinci Code

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Movie feature

Ron Howard, the flame-haired actor turned director of *The Da Vinci Code*, wasn't surprised by the success of his adaptation of the best selling Dan Brown suspense novel.

"The idea at the centre of *The Da Vinci Code* was so provocative and such a hot button issue it really lived at the centre of popular culture for almost two years," he said this week in Rome before the premiere of *Angels & Demons*, the follow-up to the record-breaking *Da Vinci Code*.

"*Angels & Demons* is a popular novel," the director says, although he acknowledges that it isn't as notorious as the other book. "What I'm finding, however, is if you like *The*

Da Vinci Code you're going to really like *Angels & Demons*. I feel like it could be a thrilling and exciting experience for audiences in of itself; separating itself from *The Da Vinci Code* movie or the novel."

The new film, starring Tom Hanks in a reprise of his *Da Vinci Code* role as symbolologist Robert Langdon, sees the Harvard professor work to solve a murder, unravel the mystery of an ancient secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

The mix of intrigue and religious may sound familiar to *Da Vinci Code* fans but Howard maintains *Angels & Demons* is a different beast. "If I felt like it was a cookie cutter situation and I was being asked



Tom Hanks, left, reprises his role as *The Da Vinci Code* symbolologist Robert Langdon in the film adaptation of the Dan Brown novel, *Angels & Demons*. The film is in theatres next week.

to repeat myself then it wouldn't interest me," he said, "but I just didn't want

to miss this next Robert Langdon adventure.

"I like the uniqueness of

these Dan Brown stories. Sure they use the murder

mystery genre, but in a way

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that is so fresh that these films stand on their own as something brand new."

Something that certainly is new in *Angels & Demons* is the setting. Shot on location in Rome, the movie is a love letter to the Eternal City.

"For scheduling reasons we had to shoot in June," Howard says.

"Everyone in Italy kept saying that we couldn't have chosen a worse month but I'm very glad in a way it was so hectic and intense because it energized everything."

• *Angels & Demons* opens across Canada next Friday.

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Weisz plays Whistleblower

Rachel Weisz has signed up to star in upcoming political drama *Whistleblower*. The *Constant Gardener* actress will play an American police officer who discovers a sex-trafficking scandal in post-war Bosnia. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

**Movies**

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Lymelife's nihilism prefab

Lymelife

Director: Derick Martini
Stars: Alec Baldwin, Rory Culkin
Classification: 14A
Rating: ****

ADAM NAYMAN
 for Metro Canada

A story of familial dysfunction set at the dawn of the Reagan '80s, *Lymelife* orbits around Scott

Bartlett (Rory Culkin), the moody son of an adulterous dad (Alec Baldwin) and a self-martyring mom (Jill Hennessy).

Derick Martini's film (co-written by his brother Steven) works over the ter-

rain of suburban ennui first cultivated by Robert Redford's *Ordinary People* in 1980, but familiarity is only part of the problem. Despite the presence of some talented actors (including *Ordinary People* alum Tim-

othy Hutton), *Lymelife*'s various dramatic and visual conceits feel as if they're still trapped on the page.

In the end, *Lymelife*'s nihilism feels as tackily prefab as its painstakingly recreated period décor.



Alec Baldwin plays an adulterous dad in *Lymelife*.

Leads lift *Two Lovers*

Two Lovers

Director: James Gray
Stars: Joaquin Phoenix, Gwyneth Paltrow
Classification: 14A
Rating: ****

ADAM NAYMAN
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW James Gray's superb 2007 thriller *We Own the Night* concluded with an affirmation of love wracked by painful ambivalence, and his follow-up, *Two Lovers*, ends on a similarly devastating note.

It's not that the film, which borrows narrative elements from Fyodor Dostoevsky's short story *White Nights* (and something of its dreamy visual texture from *Luschno Visconti's* 1957 film adaptation), contains much in the way of surprise.

From the moment that bipolar amateur photographer Leonard (Joaquin Phoenix) locks eyes on his gorgeous blond neighbour

Michelle (Gwyneth Paltrow) in the hallway of the Brighton Beach apartment complex where he lives with his parents, it's apparent that we're dealing with a one-way attraction.

What makes *Two Lovers* so affecting, then, is how seriously it takes its protagonist's lovelorn condition — in lieu of a Hollywood *Meet Cute*, Gray gives us an empathetic yet faintly disturbing portrait of all-consuming obsession.

A lot of the credit is due to Phoenix's terrifically modulated lead performance. But Gray, who is frequently mischaracterized as a macho auteur, also gives us two compelling female characters.

Besides Paltrow's credibly damaged, endlessly self-destructive party-girl Michelle, there's also Sandra (Vinessa Shaw), an introverted young woman who has been positioned as a love match for Leonard by his overbearing parents.

"A pleasure to watch."

—Peter Howell, *TORONTO STAR*



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—Jim Ferguson, *ABC-TV*

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Music

Paul Potts has a plan

British tenor and reality TV champ is back with a new album

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Metro Canada

Paul Potts has two keys to survival in the spotlight, which he'd like to share with current Britain's Got Talent contestant Susan Boyle: Take it day-by-day, and eat healthy.

The British tenor and 2007 winner of the variety show is great at sticking to the first. The other one? Not so much, but it's something he's trying to change as he jets across the globe in promotion of his second release, *Passione*. Accompanied by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Potts mixes classic operatic numbers and contemporary hits (Procol Harum's *A Whiter Shade of Pale* is decidedly different when sung in that style).

Though *Passione*'s lineup had to be approved by BGT judge Simon Cowell, Potts had more input this time around into whittling down



Britain's Got Talent winner Paul Potts mixes classic operatic numbers and contemporary hits on his latest album, *Passione*.

60 potential songs onto the 10-track release than on his debut, *One Chance*.

"I wanted the songs to reflect many different kinds of passion," says the Bristol native and former cell-phone store manager. "They're simple tunes, but incredibly beautiful, I think. Some of them are quite a challenge for a tenor to sing, quite rangey,

which is what I wanted. We had more time to record it, so we were able to pace it better."

And pace is something he'll have to keep up over the next little while as he tours. Noting diabetes runs in the family, Potts says it's important to keep the strict diet that helped him shed six kilograms since January — especially in North

America where he says steakhouses abound in comparison to Europe. It's the home-cooking Potts misses the most on the road.

"I used to travel on a bike but now I travel here, there and everywhere," he said. "I still do things the way I've always done."

As for a duet with Boyle, his BGT contemporary who became an overnight sensation much like he did two years before, he won't rule it out. Though he doesn't think that far ahead, and he advises her not to either, at least not past a performance.

"I would perform as if nothing's going to happen after it, because otherwise you put a lot of pressure on yourself and you think, 'This could happen, that could happen,'" he said. "You should never concentrate on the What If's. You should concentrate on what you have in front of you, right here and now."

On-demand streams could be next big thing

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For most people, obtaining music involves a transactional experience. I give you money and in exchange, you give me a piece of plastic (a CD, a record, a tape) or access to a digital file (iTunes, eMusic, etc.) At the end of the transaction, I possess (own) a copy of the performance. And it will remain mine until I throw it away or delete it from my hard drive.

But this idea of possessing music is becoming a rather quaint notion. Think about it: If you're able to access whatever song you want from wherever you are at whatever time on any device you choose, why on Earth would you ever need to physically possess a piece of plastic or a digital file?

This is the thinking behind a number of emerging music services that offer on-demand streams. Spotify (a Swedish creation not yet available in Canada) allows users to instantly access specific songs or albums through your computer. Although you need a wired Internet connection now, coders are working on an application for the iPhone, Google's Android platform

and Wi-Fi. Spotify is free, but that might change once it's out of beta.

We7 is a U.K. service that does much the same thing with the complete blessing of the major labels. Part of its business model involves running ads that they called "blipverts" before songs.

In both cases, the consumer doesn't have to pay for anything. The value for the music streaming company and its label partners comes from the data they capture from you. By registering with these services, companies know who you are, what you're listening to and what kind of device you're using. Theoretically, this allows them to better target you with recommendations. It also means better targeting for advertisers, but most people don't mind being subjected to ads as long as they're for goods and services in which they might be interested.

The thinking here is twofold: The music "feels" free to the consumer. It's like having the world's biggest hard drive full of music without having to pay for anything — or without it taking up space on the shelf or the hard drive. Second, if you can get all the music you want, it should cut down on piracy.

Will it work? Maybe. We'll see. The digital world is littered with good ideas.

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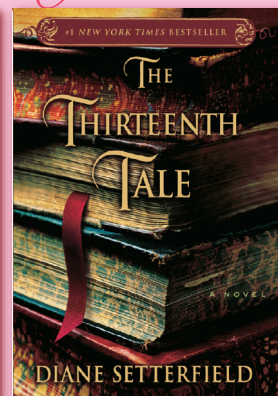
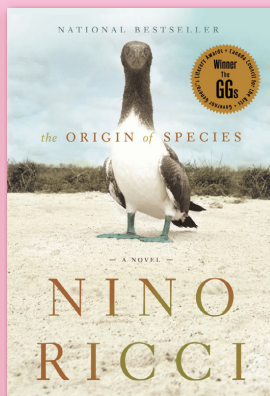
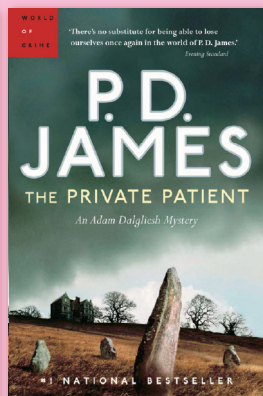
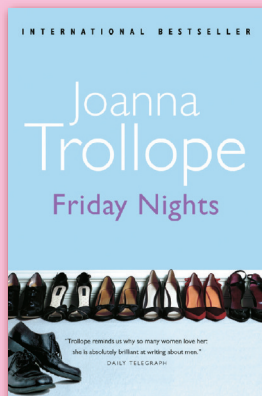
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Music

John Doe goes country

PEOPLE American punk icons X haven't released an album of new material since Hey Zeus! in 1993. But that might change soon.

"Exene (Cervenka) and I actually wrote a couple songs," singer-bassist John Doe told Billboard.com. "There are two or three songs we're going to do sooner or later. We might get another X record at some point."

But Doe — who also works with Cervenka (his ex-wife) in the country punk and rockabilly-focused Knitters — quickly added that in today's down-



John Doe

load-happy musical climate, "What's the point? People don't really release records in a traditional sense, so if we do it we'll probably just put it on the website and people can download it."

Doe said one of the songs, Somewhere Gone, features a lyric Cervenka wrote for her next solo album. The duo also wrote It Just Dawned on Me, for Country Club, Doe's new covers-

heavy country collaboration with the Sadies, the Canadian alt-country band associated with Neko Case. "We wrote that just before we recorded (Country Club)."

Doe, who's on the road with the Sadies, said he doubts that any of the new songs will make it into X's concerts when the group tours starting May 26. But the group aims to widen its repertoire on this tour: X is using its website to enable fans to vote for what they'd like to hear, and Doe said he'll examine the poll results and formulate a set list from their choices. **REUTERS**

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Small screen to big screen

Derek Hough could be adding movie star to his resume. The Dancing With the Stars pro confirms that he could be waltzing into the upcoming Footloose remake. "I haven't auditioned, but I've met with the people," Hough said. EONLINE.COM

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Television

TV persona parallels actor

Less Than Kind's Benjamin Arthur is up for a Leo Award for his role as Josh

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Actor Benjamin Arthur says there's a lot of himself in his Josh Blecher character on TV's *Less Than Kind*.

Which is a surprise. Though they are both actors, Josh is also a conceited bully/exhibitionist with

little ambition who takes great delight in torturing his younger brother.

"I'm in there, absolutely," says Arthur, 28, whose *Less Than Kind* role has been nominated for a Leo Award.

"I was preparing for the part for 28 years. But I'm a 'one' normally. And you need to turn the dial up to 10 to play Josh."

Now filming its second season, *Less Than Kind* is a

dark comedy about a dysfunctional Winnipeg family and its perpetually embarrassed teen son Sheldon (Jesse Camacho).

It's Sheldon's poor luck in life to be stuck with a self-destructive criminal dad (Maury Chaykin), and pyromaniac mom (Wendel Meldrum). Then there's brother Josh, whose idea of high comedy is to shake

"I was preparing for the part for 28 years. But I'm a 'one' normally. And you need to turn the dial up to 10 to play Josh."

Actor Benjamin Arthur, *Less Than Kind*

his "junk" in Sheldon's face (which he does in Arthur's Leo-nominated episode).

"Josh runs completely off of bravado and ego. He's pure manic energy," says Arthur.

The actor admits he needed some of that excess energy to stay warm during the making of the first season of *Less Than Kind*, which was shot in the dead of winter in Winnipeg.

"Last season was ridiculous. I mean, I lived in Kitimat (B.C.), so I'm used to cold. But this was like minus 52 C. You had 55 seconds of shooting before you have to stop or your skin freezes. And I'm there dressed in my torn Josh jeans and V-neck T-shirt."

Arthur says his nomination for a Leo Award —

given to the best in British Columbian film and television — is a big deal to a guy from Kitimat, though a little bit weird.

"It's for Best Supporting Actor In A Dramatic Series. But I'm in a comedy. So I'm up against actors in serious shows like *The*

Guard. I can see them announcing my nomination by running a clip of me shaking it naked."

The Leo Awards will be presented this weekend in Vancouver. Reruns of the first season of *Less Than Kind* air on City TV. Check local listings for times and channels.



Leo-nominated actor Benjamin Arthur from TV's *Less Than Kind*.

FRIDAY

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	628	584	43 SPIKE	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	
	522	516	45 HIST	Sea Hunters							
	581	566	102 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model							

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	-	-	4 OMNI	Without a Trace	Explorer TV	Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Small Places, Small Homes	Chard Kalaa		
	-	371	5 KLY	News	Explorer TV	Shania: A Life in Eight Albums (2005, Docudrama)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	
	245	306	6 CBRT	Geologic Journey	Bob & Doug	Friends	Hates Chris	Friends	Rock of Love Bus	Reviews	
	244	338	7 CICT	16:9 Picture	2Half Men	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race 14	Masterpiece Mystery! (N) (DVS)	Cold Case (N)	The Unit	
	246	-	8 CKAL	2Half Men	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (DVS)	Dateline NBC	The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Finale)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	
	-	372	12 KREM	News (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Sit Down, Shut Up	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	
	-	374	14 KSPS	News	House "Family"	Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room *** (2005)	Prank Patrol	Survive TBA.	In Real Life	Prank Patrol	
	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Larry King Live	Newsroom	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	
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	408	418	27 net	(6) MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox.	The Perfect Man *** (2005, Romance-Comedy)	Hilary Duff, Chris Noth.	Prank Patrol	In Real Life "The Circus"	Enron: Smart		
	557	541	39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	The Secret Garden *** (1993, Drama)	
	-	-	18 CHTV	Inside Hollywood	Extreme Makeover: Home	The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Finale)	Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.		
	603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	
	615	520	26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Trailer Park	The Guard "Live Free"	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
	617	522	32 SHOW	Ghost Rider	Trailer Park	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
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Entertainment in brief

FILM Rosario Dawson and Steve Coogan will run the underworld in the Greek mythology-infused adventure film *Percy Jackson*. Chris Columbus is directing the adaptation of Rick Riordan's best-selling fantasy-adventure book series,

which involves the world-saving quest of Poseidon's half-human son, Percy, in modern America. Catherine Keener, Pierce Brosnan, Uma Thurman, Sean Bean and Logan Lerman have already been cast.

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20 movies&entertainment

While ongoing contract negotiations continue to leave the fate her Law & Order: SVU role in question, Mariska Hargitay is optimistic. "I hope so," she told Access Hollywood, when asked if she'll be returning as the NBC cop drama's Olivia Benson. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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1 Star Trek

FILM The latest reboot of the beloved franchise boldly goes where no Star Trek has gone before — the territory of young, Hollywood cool. Trekkies will probably hate the Gen Y avatars of Kirk and Spock (played by Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto respectively) but the J.J. Abrams-directed version may well ensure that the sci-fi classic lives and prospers for generations to come.



2 Bernard Lanchance

ARTIST You could call him Paul Potts (or Susan Boyle, if you will) a la Quebec. The struggling Canadian singer posted a YouTube video asking Oprah Winfrey and her friend, Gayle King, to attend one of his concerts. Impressed by the online invitation, Winfrey asked Lanchance to record a song (The Impossible Dream in both English and French) for her show. The performance, which aired Tuesday night, brought tears to many eyes.

3 21st Century Breakdown

ALBUM The grand gesture is alive and well. For their latest album (due next Friday), California punk rockers Green Day have cranked up their operatic ambitions to 11 with a three-act storyline and '70s bombast. If early reports are to be believed, Breakdown's poised to top American Idiot, the band's previous album, in both sales and acclaim.



4 Billy Elliot

MUSICAL The stage adaptation of the Oscar-nominated British film about a coal miner's son who dreams of being a dancer bagged 15 Tony nominations this week. Canadians can be proud — Montreal-born David Alvarez, 14, is one of three rotating stars who play the musical's title role.

5 1,000 Awesome Things

BLOG This bouyant website (1000awesomethings.com) run by Toronto's Neil Parischa has created so much buzz that New York publisher William Morris Agency wants to turn the postings into a book. This week, the 29-year-old human resources worker also won a Webby award for best personal/cultural blog.

6 Ben Southall

PEOPLE You may be putting in 14-hour shifts just to put food on the table these days but for the next six months, this British charity worker will get paid top dollars just to sit back, relax and blog about an Australian beach paradise. The 34-year-old was selected from 35,000 global applicants for the much-touted "best job in the world."

7 The Big Bang Theory

SHOW The geeks shall inherit the earth or, in this case, save the sitcom. The modest show about a group of nerdy physicists and their girl-next-door has picked up the ratings and acclaim in its sophomore run despite all odds, prompting CBS to order two more seasons. The blogosphere's now abuzz with speculation over the season finale, which airs Monday on CTV at 8 p.m.

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Beckhams sticking around

It turns out that those reports about the Beckhams moving to Milan were false. Victoria tells Entertainment Tonight that the family is staying put in Los Angeles. "The rumors aren't true. We aren't moving," she says. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Shania takes beauty crown

In its inaugural "most beautiful" ranking, Hello! Canada has honoured country singer Shania Twain with the title of Canada's Most Beautiful Woman.

"Pop-country singing sensation Shania Twain, 43, is self-effacing when it comes to her undeniable beauty," says the magazine.

"I don't think I'm ugly, I just think I'm overrated on the cutie factor," she says. But for the stunner, who has been the face of the cosmetic giant Revlon, feeling good is the key to looking great. 'I like to feel like a woman,' she says. 'I feel sexy in a plain white T-shirt with nothing underneath.'"

On newsstands now, the new issue of the magazine pays



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tribute to the most beautiful the country has to offer — including TV and movie stars, politicians, royalty, musicians and athletes.

Some other Canadians who made Hello!'s Most Beautiful list include Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Kiefer Sutherland, Kim Cattrall, Evangeline Lilly, The Four Tenors, and 90210 stars Shenae Grimes, Jessica Lowdes, Dustin Milligan and Jason Priestley. For more, pick up Hello!'s 50 Most Beautiful Canadians, on newsstands now. hellomagazine.com

Wolverine's Canadian origins inspires U.S. reviewers' quips

ODDITY A funny thing happened to Wolverine on his way to box office supremacy last weekend: His Canadian origins became a punchline for reviewers.

X-men Origins: Wolver-

ine, starring Hugh Jackman as the Canadian mutant hero, grossed more than \$85 million (U.S.) and critics seemed to find the brooding character's Canuck background irre-

sistable.

"And now X-Men Origins: Wolverine ... helps explain just what makes this guy so intriguing and unusual," writes A.O. Scott in the New York Times. "He's

Canadian."

Hollywood Reporter critic Kirk Honeycutt writes: "... The film never clarifies whether becoming Canadian represents another mutation." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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As part of the Alberta government's comprehensive review and study of the prospect of nuclear power generation in Alberta, the province is committed to consulting with Albertans on this issue.

In 2008, a Nuclear Power Expert Panel was created with a mandate to fully examine all aspects of nuclear power including environmental, health and safety issues, waste management and comparisons with other electricity generation options in Alberta. The Expert Panel has now submitted its findings.

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Jon Gosselin of Jon and Kate Plus Eight admits he's going through a tough time at home right now, but tells fans he's been faithful to his wife. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," he said in a statement. **PEOPLE.COM**

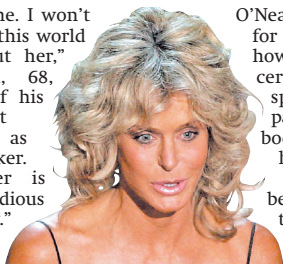
Celebrity Buzz

'I won't know this world without her'

TRUE LOVE In an exclusive interview with People, an emotional and often teary-eyed Ryan O'Neal spoke for the first time about the devastating illness of his longtime partner, Farrah Fawcett, who has battled cancer for the past two and a half years.

"It's a love story. I just don't know how to play

this one. I won't know this world without her," O'Neal, 68, says of his current role as caretaker. "Cancer is an insidious enemy."



O'Neal also revealed for the first time how the anal cancer long ago spread to other parts of Fawcett's body, including her liver.

"She stays in bed now. The doctors see that she is comfortable.

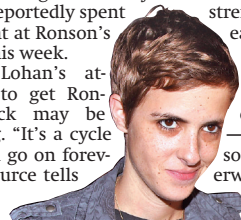
Farrah is on IVs, but some of that is for nourishment," he explains. "The treatment has pretty much ended."

Fawcett, 62, herself tells of her journey through illness in Farrah's Story a two-hour NBC documentary she shot with pal Alana Stewart that airs May 15. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Heart yes, mind no: Sam

INDECISION Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson may be reconciling, sources say. Lohan reportedly spent the night at Ronson's home this week.

And Lohan's attempts to get Ronson back may be working. "It's a cycle that can go on forever," a source tells People.



"Now that things have died down a little and Lindsay is behaving herself ... Sam's strength to stay away eases up."

But still, "Sam knows in her head, life is truly better off without Lindsay — even if her heart sometimes says otherwise."

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Dan's drag queen BFF

UNLIKELY PAIR Daniel Radcliffe has befriended a drag queen, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Harry Potter star has been spotted enjoying dinners with Our Lady J, a musical impersonating transvestite he met in New York last year.

The pair was photographed walking arm-in-arm on Sunday, and the 19-year-old actor is believed to have formed a close bond with his new pal.

A friend of Our Lady J told

Britain's The Sun: "Daniel is fascinated by the drag culture and is always asking questions. He went to a few shows and was made to feel very welcome."

"He's a lovely guy and he and Our Lady J got on like a house on fire. They have eaten out together and been to parties. They have become quite close."

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Chris' lawyers find legal loophole?

LEGAL EAGLE Chris Brown's legal team is on the move, people.com reports.

The singer's lawyer, Mark Geragos, filed a request in a Los Angeles court Wednesday seeking access to LAPD records, arguing that photos of Rihanna's injuries, allegedly at Brown's hand — widely distributed on the Web — was "illegally leaked to the media" by police and may result in a case dismissal, radaronline.com reports.

"The photograph was immediately viewed by

hundreds of thousands of viewers and was displayed on every news channel for several weeks," Geragos states. "The purpose of the leak was necessarily for profit and to vilify

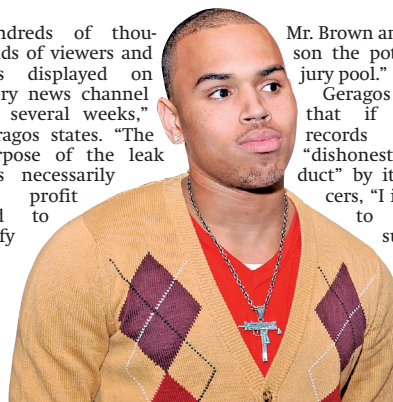
Mr. Brown and poison the potential jury pool."

Geragos adds that if LAPD records show "dishonest conduct" by its officers, "I intend to use such

evidence at the preliminary hearing to attack their credibility ... I believe there is a reasonable likelihood that the case will be dismissed at the preliminary hearing."

L.A. criminal defence attorney Jeffery Rubenstein, who's not involved in the case, says, "It's unlikely the judge will dismiss the case on the grounds of leaked evidence. It's not police conduct at issue here, it's Chris Brown's."

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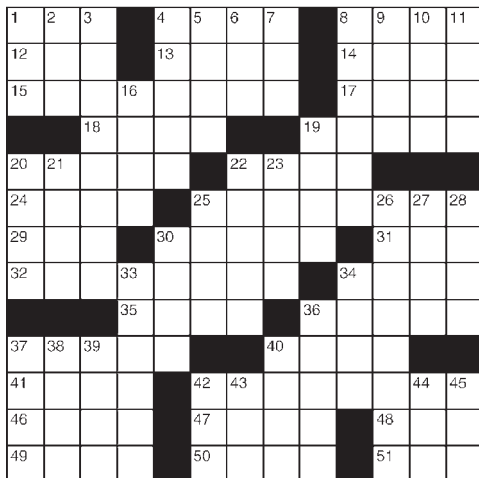
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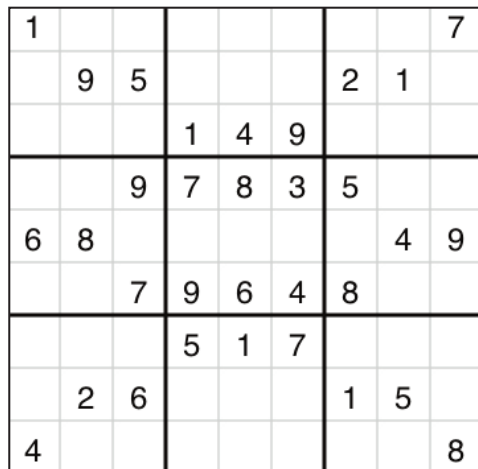
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**Crossword across**

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|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Volcano output | 22 Be patient | 40 Have coming |
| 4 One of the | 24 Senate | 41 "Yeah, right!" |
| Three Bears | employee | 42 Runs a meet- |
| 8 Slaughter of | 25 Pirates | ing with |
| baseball lore | 29 Luau | someone else |
| 12 Story of a life- | musicmaker | 46 Gilpin of |
| time? | 30 Conficker et | "Frasier" |
| 13 Scratches (out) | al. | 47 Initial stake |
| 14 Anger | 31 Extinct bird | 48 Menagerie |
| 15 In the attic, | 32 Gives up hope | 49 Paradise |
| maybe | 34 Urban pall | 50 Indigent |
| 17 Anger | 35 Pre-swam | 51 Grown-up |
| 18 At bat, so to | 36 "All in the | elver |
| speak | Family" spin-off | |
| 19 Seraglio group | 37 Shackles a | |
| 20 Thick chunks | perp | |

Crossword down

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Dhahi preceder | 25 Form rings |
| 2 Try the tea | 26 Vaccinate |
| 3 Abductees | 27 Crucifix |
| 4 Bosc and Bartlett | 28 Parsley partner? |
| 5 Related | 30 Witty ones |
| 6 Apiece | 33 Short-necked seabird |
| 7 Fool | 34 Poet Teasdale |
| 8 Proofreader's finds | 36 "Real Time With Bill —" |
| 9 Depilatory brand | 37 Part of a Batsuit |
| 10 Eyeball | 38 Secondhand |
| 11 Appear | 39 Conflagration |
| 16 Brits' subway | 40 Prefix with plasm |
| 19 Greet the villain | 42 Upper limit |
| 20 Tater | 43 Yoko of music |
| 21 Baikal, for one | 44 Shad delicacy |
| 22 Fret | 45 Scale member |
| 23 Weaponry | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:Find today's answers + play more games at metronews.ca**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

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| Under 13 min.....Genius | 17-21 min.....Smart |
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| | 25+ min.....Keep practising |

Metro Recipe of the Day**Stuffed Rissoles****INGREDIENTS:**

1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
3.8-oz (110-g) bottle or package hamburger seasoning mix
1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato sauce
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup (125 ml) grated cheddar

1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil

TO SERVE:

Tomato sauce

METHOD:

1. Put meat, hamburger seasoning, Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce and salt and freshly ground black pepper into bowl. Knead mixture until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand 5-10 minutes.

- Divide mixture into four; shape each portion into flat patty. Using thumb, make deep hole in centre of each patty, taking care not to push all the way through.
- Place a quarter of cheese into centre of each patty, then mould meat over to cover cheese. If necessary, press flat.
- Heat oil in large frying pan. Add patties and cook over moderate heat until cooked through, 5-7 minutes per side. Serve with tomato sauce.

SERVES 4**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Don't take a man's stupid statement personally. It is possible to defeat your own purpose. There's a pattern within chaos.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21-MAY 21**

A girl can help with a romance. Rest assured that something will work out well. Give someone the right idea.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Be merciful toward an awkward guy. A secret dialogue will make matters worse. Trivial chitchat is inadequate for your needs.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

Delightful expectations will make you too excited. Annoying people should be avoided. Ask yourself who will come to your rescue.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

A grovelling person is hampered by fear. Decide where to go at the last minute. A late night chat will fix a threatened project.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

Take stock before making a decision. Joyous events create closure in a troubling issue. Take it easy when you're self-conscious.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Refuse to accept a controversial decision. A merry visitor gives you second thoughts. Pay attention to exceptional dreams.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

An obnoxious idiot comes charging in. Vengeance can't mend a broken heart. Be discreet about a previous decision.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 23**

A miserable woman accuses others of being superficial. Be open enough to spend time hanging out. A sensitive man gives in after a standoff.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

A reliable friend will reveal surprising info. Wild passion overwhelms a discussion. Remembering a recent encounter is counter-productive.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

An irrelevant lecture can be avoided. Comfort the lonely and lay on the compliments. A mature friend treats you to a thrilling surprise.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MARCH 20**

A tongue-lashing leads to an uncomfortable scene. Use self-control with an indignant woman. It's not a good idea to start a new venture.



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